

REMARKS

The following claims are pending in the application: 1 - 10

The following claims have been amended: 7 and 9

The following claims have been deleted: Not applicable

The following claims have been added: 11 – 16

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, the following claims remain pending in the application: 1 - 16.

Amendments to the claims

Applicants have amended claim 7 to more accurately claim the subject matter of the present invention. While doing so, Applicants have also corrected the spelling of the term "rotaxanes" from the misspelled "rotaxenes" as originally filed. Applicants have also amended claim 9 to remove reference to a single entity group.

Amendments to the specification

Applicants have amended the specification to correct a typographical error with regard to pending paragraph [0025].

Applicants have additionally amended the specification to update the list of publications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing preliminary amendment and accompanying remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is properly in condition for allowance and may be passed to issuance upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the subject application is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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